

**BOARD OF REGENTS FOR ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY  
EDUCATION  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
January 27, 2005**

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A meeting of the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education was held at the Shepard Building - 255 Westminster Street, Providence, RI 02903 and convened at 4:00 p.m.

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**In Attendance**

J. DiPrete, C. Callahan, A. Beretta, M. Parais, R. Camara, P. Guida and K. Forbes.

The meeting began with a moment of silence in honor of Mr. Fred Lippit. Welcome and introduction of the newly appointed regent, Amy Beretta, Maurice Paradis, Robert Camara. Also acknowledge the nomination of Philip Rivers.

Todd Flaherty Deputy Commissioner introduced the 2004 Presidential Winner Domenic Giusti.

Diane Schaefer Director of the Office of Instruction explained the process for state and national selection that Domenic was subject to.

The Reading Recovery graduates were introduced.

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**Chairman's Remarks:**

Monday April 26, 2005 Chairman DiPrete met with Margaret Spelling along with regents, Callahan, Forbes, Guida and Groves at Cranston High School East.

Tuesday April 26 through Thursday April 28, 2005 I was in Washington D.C. to attend the Milken Family Recognition Ceremony honoring outstanding educators throughout the U.S.A.- Ms. Elizabeth Sharkey of the Hoxise Elementary School in Warwick and Ms. ???-Kay an elementary schoolteacher in Coventry were among the honorees. The Celebration is marked by a festive and elaborate program together

with meetings and seminars. Both Commissioner McWalters and myself once again a great deal about the professional and teacher growth model tied to compensation/promotion: Commissioner McWalters spoke to Lowell Milkin about the possible adoption of this program as a pilot for some schools in progress support and intervention. We will ask the Commissioner to present this program to the PSI committee for further examination. I would like to thank Charlotte Difendale of RIDE for heading/coordinating the Milkin award program in RI. Congratulations

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Friday April 29, 2005 Governors Math/ Science initiative- Commissioner McWalters reports

Monday May 2, 2005 Board of Governors meeting with Office of Higher Education- Reported some changes in academic programs and discussed the situation at CCRI, and President Sepe.

Wednesday May 4, 2005- Chairman DiPrete met with Representative Steven Cosentino, Representative Peter Lewis, Representative Paul Crowley and Commissioner at an initial meeting and then fall meeting with Chief of Staff Wood, Carolyn Dias, CFO and Keith Olivieria RIDE liaison to the general assembly. The meeting was sought by RIDE and legislative leadership to discuss the RIDE/Regent budget priorities. The discussion was informative and centered on finding a mechanism that will keep communications open and to relay to Representative Cosentino the work that RIDE has done as regards recommendations on the construction aid formula.

Wednesday May 4, 2005 Chairman DiPrete along with Regent Callahan, Forbes, Guidis , Grove attended the Civis Seminar Presentation sponsored by Senator Gallo, the Governor, Senator Chafee, et al. supported the inclusion of civic education into our curriculum, Legislation in the works.

Wednesday May 4, 2004 Chairman DiPrete Spoke to the Students of Coventry High School the importance of foreign language and world cultures.

Thursday May 5, 2005 Chairman DiPrete represented the Board of Regents at Moses Brown at the retirement of King O'Dell who has provided the children of this state with 52 years of service as a teachers/coach.

Friday May 6, 2005 I chaired the Academic and Students Affair Committee at RIC. The committee heard a report on advising @ CCRI and a fine presentation from Belinda Wilkers resident director of a guidance program at P.C. together with a team from North Kingston High School- the new face of Rhode Island guidance in our school is Patti DiCenso Vice President and new principal gave a wonderful presentation, this presentation should be given to the Board of Regents.

Tuesday May 10, 2005 Chairman DiPrete met with the Commissioner to discuss the construction aid and response to Representative Cosentino. Commission Report

Commissioner McWalters advised the Regents original budget proposal even in the midst of multiply ?????. Currently in this proposal there is a math/science imitative proposed.

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